

City Council of the Mayor and Council of New Castle
Budget Workshop Meeting: Town Hall – 201 Delaware Street – New Castle
Tuesday – June 1, 2010 – 6 p.m.

Present:

Council President William Barthel
Councilperson John Cochran
Councilperson John Gaworski
Councilperson Ted Megginson
Councilperson Teel Petty

Also present: Mayor Klingmeyer, Treasurer Janet Carlin, City Administrator Cathryn Thomas, Finance Director Marian Delaney

1. Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution No. 2010-13 to approve the hiring of a Financial Specialist III part-time position in the Finance Department.

A motion was made by Councilperson Petty and seconded by Councilperson Gaworski. The resolution was passed unanimously.

John Witzman has been hired to work up to 35 hours per week.

2. Budget Workshop

Mayor's Office

Mayor Klingmeyer appeared regarding the the Mayor's Office Budget. He advocated for a raise in pay for his secretary. He pointed out she runs the Separation Day event. Beyond that item, his budget would remain the same as a year ago.

Board of Adjustment

Mayor Klingmeyer said it is unknown and impossible to predict the costs annually in this area. He suggested putting it at the same amount as last year.

Board of Health

Mayor Klingmeyer advocated for enhancing the position of John Lloyd and asked Mr. Lloyd to address the board.

Mr. Lloyd requested mobile computing capability, which would cost \$6,300, for hardware and software and a cost of \$50 a month. He pointed out there have been increased costs for postage. He also requested \$350 for a new digital camera, an educational expense, two file cabinets and the City to provide uniforms for the Code Enforcement position. A discussion was held regarding the salary for the position.

Planning Commission

Planning Commission Chairman David Bird explained the Commission will be working through the Comprehensive Plan over the next couple of years. The budget request is \$43,000.

What the Commission is proposing for the upcoming year is a capital improvement plan. The request is for \$12,000 for the plan. Another item is looking at different options for waterfront access and parking.

One item, which the Mayor suggested, is a projector for the various boards to use. He estimated \$4,000.

The Commission has spent year to date roughly \$13,000 but additional billing is expected. The amount budgeted last year was \$35,000.

Historic Area Commission

Sally Monigle presented the requested budget for the Historic Area Commission. The requested amount was \$3,180. The amount is the same as was budgeted for 2010.

Building Maintenance

Administrator Thomas presented the budget. County sewer assessments have increased so that line will go up. Administration Building repairs including roughly \$17,000 for painting of the building. The amount requested for this year appears to be coming in line with a year ago, \$135,500.

Councilperson Petty asked what the City will do if it still owns the Banks Building; should it budget some money for that.

Professional Services

Administrator Thomas presented the budget. For Skyline, budgeted the same amount as last year for software consulting. For the accountant, have budgeted \$10,000 compared with \$18,000 a year ago. City Solicitor costs were well over budget in 2010 due to work on the bonding, various litigation, monitions and other matters. The tentative amount budgeted is \$38,000.

Councilperson Cochran made a motion to adjourn; Councilperson Gaworski seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dickinson
New Castle City Clerk